

REMARKS

Claims 1 –25 are active in this application. By this Response claims 5, 6, and 10 – 25 are cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice. Claims 1 and 7 are amended. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of any new matter.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 6 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the subject matter of the independent claim 1 and any intervening claims. This has been done by the cancellation of claims 5 and 6 and the incorporation of that subject matter into independent claim 1. Claim 7 is amended to depend from claim 1, as do all other remaining claims.



CONCLUSION

Based upon the aforementioned comments and amendments, it is urged that Claims 1 – 4 and 7 – 9 are in condition for allowance, as is the remainder of the subject patent application. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions, or should issues remain, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone for a prompt and satisfactory resolution.

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